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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce W. A. HAY, of Mads, as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature from Lawrence and Elliott counties, subject to the action of the Democrats in the August primary, 1923.

The sub-Normal School Site Commission will be wiped out of the slate when the Courts get through with the matter.

The way to get better passenger equipment and service on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. is through an appeal to the Railroad Commission of Kentucky and the Interstate Commerce Commission. If we could devise some plan to give the members of these bodies a ride from Ashland to Pikeville in one of the cattle cars used on this line for transporting human beings at 35¢ per mile the battle would be over.

The price of Chesapeake & Ohio stock has advanced several points upon the prospect of the road changing hands. This means the general verdict is that any kind of a change must be for the better.

## Don't Forget The Legislature.

When nearly a year ago The Courier-Journal called upon the people of Kentucky to cut loose from the politicians and draft a business man for Governor it also appealed to them to complete their good work by drafting a business Legislature. That appeal is repeated now, with added emphasis and with added hope of a favorable reception—a hope born of the response throughout the State to the movement for a business Governor.

The right sort of Governor can do something without the right sort of Legislature to redeem Kentucky from the disastrous plight into which the politicians have got it, but if he is to rescue the affairs of the State from the control of the politicians and the lobby he must have the cooperation of a Legislature which is uncontrolled by the politicians and the lobby.

The politicians and the lobby work together. The lobby is the lobby of those interests which make it a part of their business to see that the Government of the State is in the hands of their friends. The politicians and the lobby of the politicians are the politicians whom they can convince that the welfare of the politicians and the welfare of the interests are inseparable. They operate together for mutual good, and they have no more real field of operations than the Legislature.

They usually control the Legislature, it makes no difference which political party nominally controls it. That should be borne in mind by the people of Kentucky who hope to bring about a new order by the election of a Governor who will serve the interests of the Commonwealth instead of the lobby and his own political ambitions. There are always good men in every Legislature, but they constitute a minority, at the mercy of a majority, who serve a lobby that does not regard any member a good man who does not serve it.

The lobby does not intend that the next Legislature shall differ in this respect from previous Legislatures. It is already at work in both parties in cubating candidates on whom it believes, or knows, it could depend at Frankfort. And it will show up with its customary majority of the next Legislature unless the people to whom falls the election of a Legislature choose their own Legislature instead of allowing the interests to choose it for them.

The way to do that is to bring out their own candidates. To wait for candidates to bring out themselves is often to wait for candidates whose motives won't bear scrutiny. The unsolicited candidate is not always an undesirable candidate but he should never be accepted if there is any doubt of his desirability. It is not too early to warn the masses of Kentucky Democrats and Republicans to be alert and vigilant to satisfy themselves that the motives of any candidate for the Legislature will stand thorough inspection; that he means to represent his district and no factor of "invisible" government; that he wishes to go to Frankfort for the public service he has to do, and not for the betterment of his personal fortunes and the fortunes of his friends and backers in such devious ways as are known to be effective in the short Legislative session.

Where self-announced candidates cannot satisfy this inspection the electors of both parties should look carefully over the field and draft candidates who are known to measure up to all requirements. Unwillingness of any man to be drafted should not prevent the draft. Unwillingness to become a candidate is often good evidence that he is the right man to be a candidate, and unwillingness to become a candidate can usually be overcome when strong popular pressure is brought to bear on him.

Politicians who are resisting the movement for a business Government of the State allege that it is inspired by some coterie of somebodies who intend to dictate the candidates. What The Courier-Journal is trying to do is to get the people to dictate the candidates. That is what is resented by the politicians who have been in the habit of dictating the candidates themselves. If the people of the State will pay no more attention to the politicians than The Courier-Journal is paying and dictate their own candidates for the Legislature and the Governorship as well, we shall have the new Kentucky which we have been talking about and securing—but doing nothing to secure.—Courier-Journal.

## Pointed Press Comment on Current Topics

Cheer up. The next coal strike is nearly four months off.—Ashville Times.

The best future for Hog Island would be to make it a prison for profaneers.—Washington Post.

We aren't surprised that California voted for dry enforcement. There's a reason.—Columbia Record.

"Prosperity comes in cycles," says an expert, the best of which is the try-cyclic.—Washington Post.

They are always appropriating public funds in Illinois to find out who has American Lumberman.

The primary reason back of the suspension of the Appeal to Reason is that it didn't.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A cultured man is one who has a lot of information that isn't worth anything to him.—Indianapolis Star.

The election result sounds the call of the nation for fewer fence-busters and more fence-busters.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Sultan of Turkey insists that he has not quit his job just because he has run away from it. He talks like a striker.—Canton News.

Russia is to have a new minister for trade and commerce. What will be her most good is an evangelist to stage a revival.—Manila Bulletin.

Now that the fapper is disappearing, we must look about for something else to blame for everything.—Duquesne American Tribune.

It is just as well that justice is blind; she might not like some of the things done in her name if she could see them.—St. Louis City Journal.

A Dallas court says a man has the right to get drunk in his own home. This is the sanctity of the home preserved.—Dallas News.

Henry Ford tells young men to spend something on themselves—buy a flyver, of course.—Wall Street Journal.

Some of the big guns were silenced on that November 11, but others at once began work on their memoirs.—Anderson Herald.

The resignation of Senator Newberry is a hard blow to the orators who have been demanding it.—American Lumberman.

American generally regret that dollars for Near Eastern relief can not be accompanied by bullets for Turkish murderers.—Pueblo Chieftain.

We have always viewed with sympathy and approval the club activities of the women, but their gun activities alarm us.—Columbia Record.

Prohibition has come to stay. The people who say it won't last used to talk the same way about grapefruit and now they like it.—Toledo Blade.

A Chicago woman shot her husband when he wouldn't go to church. She was going to get him to heaven one way or another.—American Lumberman.

Henry Ford makes \$24,026.41 a day. We are glad we are not Henry. We could never have nerve enough to take a day off.—American Lumberman (Chicago).

The Mussolinian ministry announces a "nothing for nothing" foreign policy for Italy. That is an improvement upon the "something for nothing" policy other European diplomats have pursued in recent years.—St. Louis Times.

## ALWAYS AT WORK ON TIME ONE TRIBUTE TO WANAMAKER

PHILADELPHIA.—Among the host of tributes to the memory of John Wanamaker, merchant prince, religious leader and philanthropist, which continued to pour into this city from all sections of the country, this one stands out as unique.

"He was always at work on time." With these seven words, Mr. Wanamaker's first office boy, George W. Stull, summarized the secret of the world-renowned merchant's success. The one-time office boy, who went out, ran errands, delivered parcels and gradually learned to do more important routine work for his employer, now is superintendent of the store.

Getting Ready.—The matron of the dormitory screamed whispering down the sleeping aisles: "Get up, quick! There's a burglar in the house!"

And with one accord twenty excited damsels leaped out and cried in unison: "Where's my powder puff?"



## From Our Early Files

### 37 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1885.—Rev. Burwell Akers will preach at Masonic Hall Sunday. On her trip down last Friday the Ingomar had on board three members of the notorious Tait Hall gang. A reward of \$500 each was paid for their capture. The sheriff of Floyd was taking them to Maysville.

Lewis Skaggs, the Lawrence county giant, was in town this week. We have seen bigger men, Baby Bates for instance, but Lewis is a pretty good sized chunk of humanity, 24 years old, six feet and 7 inches high, weight 366½ pounds.

H. T. Lytle's school will begin Jan. 4, 1886.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1897.—Rev. Mr. Caudill brought his bride to Louisville. She was Miss Edie Richardson of Lee Creek, Ohio.

"Judge" Charley Lynch plunged into a hole near the upper end of Madison street and nearly broke his neck and his horses legs. A crossing is being put in but no light had been placed there.

W. S. Land, of the C. & O., was here, accompanied by Dr. Judy of Bath county.

Miss Carrie Snyder returned from a visit in Central Kentucky. Chas. Montville Flowers appears in Louisville in a dramatization of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." J. E. Hobbs of East Lynn, W. Va., dies at age of 103.

## JUST A LITTLE FUN

Even More.—The bills had come in for building the young couple's home. "George," said the bride of a few months, "they are twice what we expected!"

"Don't worry," said the young husband. "I expected they would be." "But George," she replied, "they are twice as much as that."

Luck.—"A motor truck smashed the baby carriage to smithereens, mum." "Horror! Was the baby hurt?" "No, it was only five minutes before it was reassembled."—Life.

Logical.—May (watching ball game): "Where do they keep the extra bases?" Ray: "What for?" May: "Well, that man just stole third base." Dry Goods Economist.

Everybody Mistaken.—"Jack and Emily are going to be married." "Emily?" I thought she was one of these modern girls who don't believe in marriage.

"So did Jack."—The Harvard Lampoon.

Another Blow.—Stranger (to office boy): "I want to see the editor."

Office Boy: "What editor?" We got all kinds of editors around this joint, but editors, just like the Mexican army, all generals and no privates."—Washington Times.

Simple Directions. Fair Visitor: "Is there some place around where I can get a drink of water?" The Goli: "Certainly, Miss. At the scullabutt on the starboard side of the gun deck, midships, just forward of the dynamo hatch." Judge.

All Inducements.—"It's not so tedious," explained a young man, "that you can hardly get married unless you can show the girl two licenses."

"Two licenses?" exclaimed the friend. "Yes, marriage and automobile." Ladies' Home Journal.

His Ambition.—Dick's parents are well-meaning but a little too strict believing that "to spare the rod is to spoil the child."

When Dick was asked by a friend of the family what he would like to be when he grew up, he replied, read it: "An orphan." The Epworth Herald.

Faster than the Fastest.—Orchestra Drummer: "I'm the fastest man in the world."

Violinist: "How's that?" O. B.: "These flies, doesn't it?" V.: "So they run?" O. B.: "Well, I beat time." Chaparral.

His Part.—The dean was exceedingly angry. "So you confess that this unfortunate young man was carried to the pond and drowned? Now what part did you take in this disgraceful affair?"

"The right leg, sir," answered the sophomore meekly. Johns Hopkins Black and Blue Jay.

Horrible Example.—Orville Wright at a dinner in Dayton, was reproached for not taking up the challenge of the Smithsonian Institute that it was Langley, not the Wrights, who was the first to fly. "The trouble with you, Orville," said a banker, "is that you are too taciturn. You don't assert yourself enough. You should press your case more."

"My dear friend," Orville Wright answered, "the best talker and the worst flyer among the birds is the parrot."—Detroit Free Press.

Exchange of Courtesies.—"What did you give your son for Christmas last year?"

"Ten shares of Arizona Pete, which haven't paid a cent since."

"And what has he given you this Christmas?"

"The collected assessment notice he received on the staff for the intervening year."

Bungling Work.—"Now somebody gone and done it!" "Done what?"

"Lost the names from these Christmas gifts I had piled in the closet!" "Names of the people you were going to give 'em to?"

"No, stupid! Names of those who gave them to us last year. I'm afraid I may send some of 'em back to the same people!"—Farm Life.

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## JESUS, THE PERFECT MAN

Remarkable Editorial Reprinted from a Memphis Newspaper.

From The Commercial Appeal of December 22, 1922.

There is no other character in history like that of Jesus.

As a preacher, as a doer of things, and as a philosopher, no man ever had the sweep and the vision of Jesus.

A human analysis of the human actions of Jesus brings to view a rule of life that is amazing in its perfect detail.

The system of ethics Jesus taught during His early sojourn 2,000 years ago was true then, has been true in every century since, and will be true forever.

Plato was a great thinker and learned in his age, but his teachings did not stand the test of time. In big things and in little things time and human experience have shown that he erred.

Marcus Aurelius touched the reflective mind of the world, but he was too cold and austere as a human being.

The doctrine of Confucius gave a great nation moral and mental dry rot.

The teachings of Buddha resulted in a mental and moral chaos that makes India derelict.

Mohammed offered a system of ethics which was adopted by millions of people. Now their children live in deserts where once there were cities, along dry rivers where once there was moisture, and in the shadows of gray, barren hills where once there was greenness.

Thomas Aquinas was a profound philosopher, but parts of his system have been abandoned.

Francis of Assisi was Christlike in his saintliness, but in some things he was childish.

Thomas a Kempis' imitation of Christ is a thing of rare beauty and sympathy, but it is, as its name in Italian, only an imitation.

Sir Thomas More's Utopia is yet a dream that cannot be realized.

Lord Bacon writing on chemistry and medicine under the glasses of the microscope in a twentieth century laboratory is pathetic.

The world's most learned doctors until a hundred and fifty years ago gave dragon's blood and ground dried tails of lizards and shells of eels for certain ailments. The great surgeons a hundred years ago bled a man if he were wounded.

Napoleon had the world at his feet for four years, and when he died the world was going on as if he had never lived.

Jesus taught little as to property because He knew there were things more important than property. He measured property and life, the body and soul, at their exact relative value. He taught much as to character, because character is of more importance than dollars.

Other men taught us to develop systems of government. Jesus taught us as to the perfecting of men—Jesus looked to the soul state other men dwelled on material things.

After the experience of 2,000 years a man can find a flaw in the governmental system as outlined by Jesus.

Caesar and Kaiser, president and so-called give to its complete merit their admiration.

No man today, no matter whether he follows the doctrine of Mills, Marx or George as to property, can find a more principle in Jesus' theory of property.

In the duty of a man to his fellows no philosopher has ever approximated the perfection of the doctrine laid down by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount.

Not all the investigations of chemists, not all the discoveries of explorers, not all the experiences of rulers, not all the historical facts that go to make up the sum of human knowledge on this day in 1922 are in evidence to one word uttered or one principle laid down by Jesus.

The human experiences of 2,000 years ago show that Jesus never made a mistake. Jesus never uttered a doctrine that was true at the time and then became obsolete.

Jesus spoke the truth; He lived the truth; and truth is eternal.

History has no record of any other man leading a perfect life or doing everything in logical order. Jesus is the only person whose every action and whose every utterance strike a true note in the heart and mind of every man born of a woman. He never said a foolish thing, never did a foolish act and never dissembled.

No poet, no dreamer, no philosopher loved humanity with the love that Jesus bore toward all men.

Who then was Jesus?

He could not have been merely a man, for there never was a man who had two consecutive thoughts absolute in truthful perfection.

Jesus must have been what Christendom proclaims Him to be—a divine being—or He could not have seen what He was. No mind but an infinite mind could have left behind those things which Jesus gave to the world as a heritage.

There is a merchant in Dakota, in a town of 5000 or less, whose sales in 1921 totaled \$500,000.00. It is a well-known fact that 1921 was a bad year for business, especially for merchants and farmers. He says he built up this enormous business by advertising, and his success has been so pronounced that he is being called to many cities and towns by merchants organizations to tell them how to advertise intelligently. He says a good newspaper is the best and cheapest form of advertising that ever has been tried. He also says one other very important thing is necessary, and that is to "make good" on everything advertised. "The store must have the goods to sell, or it promises to do, and must do all it promises to do. The advertising properly backed up will get the business. It will bring the people into the store, and the store that treats them right after they get there will prosper if it keeps abreast of the times and expands as the business enlarges."

The merchant referred to in the beginning of this article made his business successful in a year when the largest mercantile house in the United States (a well known Chicago firm) lost sixteen millions.

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## A Christmas Tragedy—F'r Pop

